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Hon. Leda Dunn Wettre, U.S.M.J. Martin
Luther King Building
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50 Walnut Street, Room 4015
Newark, NJ 07102

Re: Polynice v. New Jersey Department of Corrections, et. al
Civ. Dkt. # 2:19-16875-MCA-LDW

Dear Judge Wettre,

The undersigned counsel represents the Department of Corrections and Administrator George Robinson (hereinafter "Represented Defendants") in the above captioned matter.

This matter is scheduled for a settlement conference on September 10, 2021 with a settlement statement due on or around September 7, 2021. At this time, due to the information obtained during discovery, Represented Defendants are not interested in settling the matter. As such, I do not believe the settlement conference would be beneficial. Opposing counsel has also consented to canceling the settlement conference.

Represented Defendants request the matter be converted to a case management conference. At the conference, the parties can discuss amending the scheduling order to provide dates for the completion of depositions, as Plaintiff's counsel has to ascertain Plaintiff's ability to appear virtually, and dispositive motions. The parties can also discuss the status of the pending motion to amend the complaint. Represented parties thanks the court for its courtesies in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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